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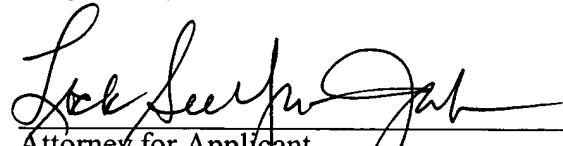
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. A copy of each listed document also is enclosed (except for U.S. patent publications).

An explanation of relevance for JP 7-137355 is given in the attached English abstract. Also, U.S. Patent No. 5,835,122 (listed on the PTO-1449 form) is in the same patent family as JP 7-137355.

It is respectfully requested that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such documents have been considered.

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| | 7-137355 | 05/30/95 | Japan | | | Abstract |
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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